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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the continued commitment of the Army National Guard combat units deployed in support of Army operations in Bosnia, recognizing the sacrifices made by the members of those units while away from their jobs and families during those deployments, recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States, and acknowledging, honoring, and expressing appreciation for the critical support by employers of the Guard and Reserve.

Whereas in October 1999 the Army announced a groundbreaking multi-year plan to mobilize and deploy the headquarters of National Guard combat divisions to command the United States sector of the Multinational Stabilization Force in Bosnia and to employ significant elements of the Army National Guard enhanced combat brigades in that sector;

Whereas the 49th Armored Division, Texas Army National Guard, and Army National Guard combat units from the 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade of North Carolina and the 45th Enhanced Separate Brigade of Oklahoma have completed deployments in Bosnia, and 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of Georgia are as of June 2001 deployed to Bosnia in the largest such deployment of National Guard personnel in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization peacekeeping mission in Bosnia;

Whereas the more than 1,200,000 citizen-soldiers who comprise the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces nationwide commit significant time and effort in executing their important role in the Armed Forces;

Whereas these National Guard and Reserve citizen-soldiers serve a critical role as part of the mission of the Armed Forces to protect the freedom of United States citizens and the American ideals of justice, liberty, and freedom, both at home and abroad; and

Whereas thousands of employers nationwide continue their support for service of their employees in the Reserve components: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) honors the continuing service and commit-
 4 ment of the citizen-soldiers of the Army National
 5 Guard combat units deployed in support of Army
 6 operations in Bosnia;

1 (2) recognizes the deployment of the 48th In-
2 fantry Brigade in March 2001 as an important mile-
3 stone in that commitment;

4 (3) honors the sacrifices made by the families
5 and employers of the members of those units during
6 their time away from home;

7 (4) expresses deep gratitude for the continuing
8 support of civilian employers for the service of their
9 employees in the National Guard and Reserve;

10 (5) recognizes the critical importance of the Na-
11 tional Guard and Reserve to the security of the
12 United States; and

13 (6) supports providing the necessary resources
14 to ensure the continued readiness of the National
15 Guard and Reserve.

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

By MARTHA C. MORRISON,

Deputy Clerk.